

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph no. 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 12 ~~is a drawing~~ shows drawings at two different magnifications showing that 3 weeks after administration of HVJ-liposome-DNA into the joint, development of cartilage-like cells was noted in Test Example 9, as evidenced by synthesis of Toluidine Blue-stained proteoglycan.

Please replace the paragraph no. 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 13 ~~is a drawing~~ shows drawings at two different magnifications showing that 4 weeks after administration of HVJ-liposome-DNA into the joint, development of cartilage-like cells was noted in Test Example 9, as evidenced by synthesis of Toluidine Blue-stained proteoglycan.

Please replace the paragraph no. 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 14 ~~is a drawing~~ shows drawings at two different magnifications showing that even 4 weeks after administration of HVJ-liposome-DNA (TGF- β) prepared in Comparative Example 2 into the joint, such development of cartilage-like cells as evidenced by the fact that synthesis of Toluidine Blue-stained proteoglycan was not observed in Test Example 9.

Please replace the paragraph no. 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 15 ~~is a drawing~~ shows drawings at two different magnifications showing that even 4 weeks after administration of HVJ-liposome-cont prepared in Comparative Example 1 into the joint, no such development of cartilage-like cells as evidenced by the fact that synthesis of Toluidine Blue-stained proteoglycan was observed in Test Example 9.